

Lieutenant General Sean B. MacFarland

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Lieutenant General Sean B. MacFarland assumed duties as Deputy Commanding General/ Chief of Staff, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command on April 24, 2017.



He was commissioned in 1981 and has served in Armor and Cavalry units throughout his career. He was a Cavalry Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer in 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas; the Squadron S4 and the Commander of A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 12th Cavalry in Buedingen, Germany; and S3 and XO of 3rd and 1st Squadrons, respectively, of the 4th Cavalry in Schweinfurt, Germany, and in Bosnia. He commanded 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor in Macedonia and Vilseck, Germany. He also commanded 1st Brigade Combat Team (Ready First), 1st Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany, and in Irag, where the Ready First fought in Tal Afar, Sinjar, Hit and Ramadi. He was the Commanding General of Fort Bliss, Texas; and the 45th Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division (Old Ironsides). His most recent assignment was as the 59th Commanding General of III Armored Corps and Fort Hood. Texas, consisting of approximately 100,000 Soldiers in four combat divisions, a sustainment command, and eight separate brigades, stationed on five installations across five states. Between September 2015 and August 2016, he simultaneously served as the Commanding General of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria, during which time the tide of war shifted against ISIS and the coalition gained the initiative.

Other assignments included: US Army's lead action officer for combat development of National Missile Defense interceptors; Deputy Regimental S3 of 3rd ACR during Desert Shield/Storm; Deputy G3, 1st Infantry Division; Chief of the 3rd Army Commander's Initiative Group during Operation Desert Thunder; Aide de Camp for the US Army Europe CG, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Chief of Future Operations for Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Iraq; G3 of V Corps; Joint Staff J5 Iraq Division Chief during the "surge;" Commanding General of JTF-North in El Paso, Texas; Deputy Commanding General for Leader Development and Education and the Deputy Commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and was dual-hatted as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan and the Deputy Commanding General for Operations for US Forces Afghanistan.

Lieutenant General MacFarland is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Eisenhower School). He also earned a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech. Lieutenant General MacFarland's awards include the Combat Action Badge, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medals, Defense Superior Service Medals, Legions of Merit, Bronze Stars, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.